

Winsford Recreation Association

Draft minutes of the Winsford Recreation Association

Held on Friday 15th April 2022 at The Pavilion, Recreation Field

Present: Frazer Lawrence (FL) - Chair, Ian Whybrow (IW) - Treasurer, Jayne Luscott (JL) - Secretary, Chris How (CH), Mike Hayes (MH), David Luscott (DL), Sue Hayes (SH), Jane Orchiston (JO), Ros Dearing (RD)

FL opened the meeting at 4pm.

1. Apologies

All present.

2. Approval of minutes meeting 28th March 22

JO proposed. RD seconded.

FL thanked all for attending. FL requested a new point to be added to the next agenda of Conflict of Interest.

From the previous minutes. FL asked about where the Parish Council were with the purchase of the land by the tennis courts, DL stated that it was with the new solicitors, and he will check with the Chair of Parish Council. FL stated that £140 had been raised from the sale of the wood from the felled trees. FL asked about the contract for the emptying of the Dog bin that DL has been emptying. DL stated that he believes the form has now been submitted to Somerset Council for the bin to be emptied. FL will update the sign for the tennis courts. FL also said that he would get the Weed Killer and he has someone who is licensed to spray the Tennis court. FL also said he has spoken to a number of the tennis players and they were willing to help clean up the tennis courts.

3. Financial Update

IW stated that it would seem that the WRA was subsidising the Cricket Club to quite an extent. IW stated that the 100 club collects around £1,500, plus some from Tennis and the Charibond, a Net Income of around £1,700. Recurring expenses are around £1,300, plus now the cutting of the hedges will fall to the WRA. Concluding that the association would just about break even. IW stated that the biggest cost was the public liability insurance (cricket players) which is half of the total insurance cost. IW asked if the cricket club would be able to pay for the public liability part of the Insurance. CH stated that the Cricket Club paid for the emptying of the cesspool which is around £300 per year. JL asked what the Cricket subs were, CH said he thought they were £5 per game. IW stated that if the Cricket Club didn't contribute a bit more to WRA then any significant costs for work on the pavilion or tennis courts couldn't be covered. CH stated that he painted the Pavilion inside and out 2 years ago. FL stated that the work CH and MH did needed to be factored into the cricket costs.

4. Tennis Club Subscriptions

FL said he thought the issue was how much people outside the Parish pay. Last year tennis players outside the parish paid £50, whilst residents paid £15. FL has done some research about Tennis Clubs and Public Courts. Tennis club's members pay a subscription, public courts are free. FL proposed that players outside the

parish pay the same as residents and are entered into the 100 club. There was much debate about if there should be a Tennis Club similar to Cricket Club, also about geography. FL stated that he thought there were no more than 10 players from outside the parish.

It was decided that FL would inform the Tennis Players from outside the parish and explain that if they paid £15, they would be entered into the 100 club and would be eligible to use the tennis courts. DL to send FL 100 club leaflets. FL will also talk to the tennis players about supporting fund raising events to assist with the upkeep of the Tennis Courts.

FL to update the tennis court sign stating £5 donation for holiday makers etc.

5. Cricket Club Costs

IW stated that it would be good to treat the cricket players the same as the tennis players, i.e. to join the 100 Club. This would go towards the public liability costs instead of charging the Cricket Club each year. CH stated there were around 16 players this year. FL stated that random bills may come in i.e. mower bill £125.

Proposal of 50% of Cricket costs to be paid by the Cricket Club for the next 12 months. There was also a discussion about increasing players subs from £5 to £10. CH to approach the team.

6. Tree locations/dedication

FL stated that the Parish Council has 4 trees that they are happy for the WRA to have. It was decided to take all 4 trees (2 Oak 2 Beech). One of the trees to be dedicated to Timmy Gill with a plaque. The cricket club to arrange bench. The trees would be located in the area of the top right corner of the recreation field, with detailed siting left to CH. FL to respond to Mel Mileham for her to liaise with CH on locations.

7. 100 Club Collections (collector's arrangements)

FL thanked DL for doing the leaflets. DL stated there may be some outlying properties we still need to deliver to. Volunteers RD, JO, DL, Claire Sams and Beverley Flanagan. Collections so far £657. It was decided that the cut off for this month's draw would be 24th April. FL to provide DL with an up-to-date bank statement to update the subscriptions list. FL & DL to do the draw on 24th April. JO to arrange information to be put on Facebook and Village Website. DL to add to Parish Council website. It was confirmed that the March Draw had taken place before 31.3.22 and prize money had been given out. DL to issue SH list of collections. DL to handover collections to FL on 24th April.

8. Proposed events

FL has been asked to speak at the Annual Village Meeting on 29th April. He would like to talk about up-and-coming events. Proposals agreed are:-

- Halloween
- Santa
- Music Night in Village Hall
- 2 x Quiz
- Presentation/Cookery class
- Skittles Night & Duck racing
- BBQ after Cricket season ends

9. AOB

SH asked if the WRA were going to charge for the field to be used for the annual fete. FL stated they would not charge.

FL closed the meeting at 5.05pm

Next meeting date Monday 6th June 2022 @ 2pm at Pavilion, Recreation Field.